

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Crucial Test

IT is strange to find democracy firm in Germany and insecure in France. How ironical it is that the blood-stained aggressor of 15 years ago is courted and made much of while the victim is held in less esteem. The German people are working night and day to achieve rehabilitation yet France lags behind, living on United States aid. The country faced a crisis over the Indo-China issue, but the new "strong man" pulled the French through. It can only be hoped that it was not a stop-gap measure like many of their policies since the war and that it will be lasting. The stop-gap measures have been like their Premiers here today and gone tomorrow. The country appears to lack the stamina or ability to pull itself together. M. Mendes-France weathered his first storm and he now faces three more, one of which could spell political ruin, causing him to join the long list of deposed Premiers. His "now deal" should pass the Assembly, if only for the reason that no other member of that erratic body can produce a better scheme for saving the country from financial and economic ruin. He is bound to meet with strong opposition over the Tunisian self-rule issue as the powerful colonialists within the Government, pressed by financial interests could easily sway the sentimentalists.

THE French press in Tunisia have already started their campaign and have accused M. Mendes-France of "treason." It is to be hoped that the realists will support the Government and overcome the influence exerted by the colonialists. The European Defence Community debate will, of course, be the test of tests and success here could mean stability for the first time in decades. There has been too little stability and unity because no Premier has been given the chance to cultivate such vital national qualities. Whatever he proposed in the past in the country's interests always offended some partisan interest and out he went. Will M. Mendes-France be strong enough to cut through this democratic decay and rule France in the best interests of her people? The EDC debate later in the month will decide that question. If Germany can produce a stable Government through the polling-booths then surely France with her enlightened traditions should be able to do so. Her friends can do little. She must help herself as a strong, proud France is necessary for Europe and the world.

Britain's New Super Jet

ENGLISH Electric have again produced an outstanding war plane. Their Canberra was quickly snapped up by the United States, and if past "buys" are any criterion the new P-1 fighter, capable of crashing the sound barrier in level flight will be over the Atlantic as a dollar earner in about March 3. It is pleasing to note that Armstrong's have apparently overcome the troubles they had with the Sapphires in both the P-1 and the do Havilland 110 (now in production for the Fleet Air Arm) are powered by these engines.

20 KILLED IN MOB RIOT

Vietnam Forces Attacked By Demonstrators

Hanoi, Aug. 5. Vietnam troops opened fire on an enraged mob north of Hue, killing 20 people and wounding several others, the French authorities announced today.

The mob, some of whom were armed, were described as "Vietnam-inspired demonstrators". They attacked Vietnamese soldiers stationed at Kim Loi, five miles north of Hue in Central Vietnam, forcing the troops to fire in self-defence.

The cause of the riot, which took place on the night of Tuesday-Wednesday, was not immediately made clear.

The French authorities said they were forced to send out planes on Wednesday night near the beach coasted over another mob at near-ground level to scare them off.

The pilots did not use guns, a French spokesman said.

An anti-French mob ran wild today at Rang Bang, 19 miles north-west of Saigon, killing a Vietnamese soldier who tried to stop them.

The mob swept over the soldier and he was strangled before Vietnam troops unlimbered their guns, firing over the heads of the demonstrators.

In the meantime, 7,000 Red River delta villages are already under effective Red rule, even where a facade of Vietnamese national administration remained.

Anti-Communist Vietnamese everywhere were subject to threats, promises and physical violence to persuade them to stay when the French leave.

The Saigon Government originally estimated at least 1,000,000 extra inhabitants would evacuate to Free Vietnam before the Communists took over complete control of the north next May. But every day the balance swings further to the Communists.

APPEAL TO U.S.

The Vietnamese Cabinet has decided to ask the United States for fleets of planes and ships to help evacuate hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese who are anxious to flee from Communism in the Red River delta, sources close to the Government said here tonight.

But the French announced today they will be able to evacuate 1,000,000 people before the delta is handed over to the Vietnamese next May. This is the highest figure yet suggested by the Vietnamese for the total number of refugees.

The French said their entire fleet of 60 transport aircraft which supplied Dien Bien Phu had been put at the disposal of the Vietnamese.

Observers here thought the French issued their statement on hearing the news of the Vietnam Cabinet decision to appeal to the Americans.

France has promised to bear all the expenses of the evacuation but there has been friction over who should organise it. The French want it left in her hands on the grounds that the Vietnamese Government lacks trained administrative officials. The Vietnamese insist they should handle their own affairs.

—United Press and Reuter.

Monsoon Accident Claims 17 Lives

Karachi, Aug. 5. Seventeen persons were killed here today as the first serious monsoon rains brought disaster to a refugee camp.

The wall of a hut collapsed, burying 47 refugees, some of whom, although dug out alive, died on the way to hospital. The hut was in the former industrial exhibition ground, where 10,000 refugees are living.

—France-Press.

Now America Claims Superjet

Washington, Aug. 5. The Navy Department announced today that a new fighter capable of breaking the sound barrier in level flight had successfully made the first test flight.

The new fighter is fitted with a supersonic J-55 jet engine. The plane's performance is secret.

—France-Press.

Octuplets Born?

Manila, Aug. 6. An unconfirmed report received last night from the town of Naga in Camarines Sur said that eight babies (octuplets)—five boys and three girls—were born on Monday to a young woman in that province.

The report was immediately regarded as incredible. It did not mention the name of the mother, but it quoted a director of the Lady Mediatrix Hospital as saying that the mother and her eight babies were doing well.

The mother, according to the report, came from the mountain village in Iriga town which is near Naga. Camarines Sur is located about 480 nautical miles south-east of Manila.

—France-Press.

Millions Fight Yangtze Flood Waters

London, Aug. 5. The New China News Agency reported today that nearly a million people are working to strengthen dykes against the rising Hun and Yangtze rivers. At Wuhan on the Yangtze, the Agency said, "the dykes still exist about in the race between the rising dykes and the rising rivers."

"This was despite the fact that today's record level of the still rising river is almost six feet higher than on the same date in 1941, when the city was submerged."

All available materials and food supplies were being rushed to work points on the Hun river where the Government is building a large-scale irrigation system. The fight was in its "tensest stage."

—Reuter.

Woman Murdered By Her Friend

Menlo Park, Calif., Aug. 5. A 36-year-old housewife was today shot and killed, as her 10-year-old son watched, by a woman friend who then sped away in a late model Cadillac.

Mrs. Pat Oberhaus was killed by three shots through the chest as she stood talking to her friend in front of her home. Mrs. Oberhaus was the wife of the manager of a swimming construction firm in this exclusive San Francisco suburban residential area.

The alleged assailant was arrested a short time later at her home. Police identified her as Mrs. Doris Glass, 40, Police Inspector William Kieler said Mrs. Glass, whose home was in Menlo Park's most fashionable section, admitted shooting her friend but gave no reason for the shooting.

"I don't know why I did it," Inspector Kieler quoted her as saying.

—United Press.

Assassin's Bullet Killed Wrong Man

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 5. Major Rubens Florentino Vaz of the Brazilian Air Force was killed today when he was struck by an assassin's bullet intended for the prominent Opposition newspaper publisher, Carlos Lacerda.

Lacerda, a member of the board and former Secretary-General of the Inter-American Press Association, was wounded in the foot.

The publisher, his son Sergio and Major Vaz had just left the Lacerda residence in the exclusive Copacabana district when the gunman came from behind and began firing.

Major Vaz was fatally shot in the chest. Lacerda's son escaped uninjured. The publisher was pulled to safety by several shots at the fleeing assassin but apparently missed him.

Lacerda's evening newspaper, has been conducting a campaign against President Getulio Vargas and other government officials.

—United Press.

Why Tunisian Premier Changed His Cabinet

Tunis, Aug. 5. Premier-designate Tahir ben Amar dropped French-vetoed nationalists from his proposed Cabinet today and offered a second, more moderate list as his cabinet for negotiating home rule.

Ben Amar conferred throughout the day after the Bey of Tunis, acting in consultation with the French Resident-General, withheld his approval of the Premier's first selections.

French Premier Pierre Mendes-France had barred the inclusion of any member of the Neo-Destour nationalist Party who played a leading role in the attempt last year to get the United Nations to intervene in French North Africa.

The presence of Buh Laldham, Neo-Destour representative in New York, among the proposed members in the Government of the wealthy and moderate Ben Amar was not acceptable to the new Resident-General Major-General Pierre Loyer de la Tour.

Moreover, the Cabinet did not take into adequate account the other political tendencies which offer competition to the leading Neo-Destour, the French and the Bey.

ATMOSPHERE GOOD

The political atmosphere was excellent despite Ben Amar's failure to win immediate approval of the first Tunisian Cabinet which will bargain with France for self-government.

The Neo-Destour leader, Habib Bourguiba, who is still technically under house arrest at Mont Regis, France, consulted frequently by telephone with Ben Amar.

It was Bourguiba who advised Ben Amar not to argue against the French insistence that the Cabinet be barred to men such as Salah ben Youssef and Mohammed Bacha of the Neo-Destour, who had made the original Tunisian complaint against France at the United Nations in 1951.

Conservatives from the old Destour traditionalist Party, agrarians and labourers being included in the new list.

—United Press.

War Criminals Released

Bonn, Aug. 5. Three German war criminals, Walter Schenk, Totzauer and Karl Wiedemann, were released from the British gaol at Worms today, the British High Commission announced in Bonn.

The released men had been serving 15 to 20 year terms for killing and ill-treating Allied nationals in Nazi concentration camps. They were freed on recommendation of the British West German Mixed Clemency Board, set up earlier this year.

—Reuter.

Dutchman May Run Iranian Oil Industry

Teheran, Aug. 5. A Dutchman and an American are expected to run the Iranian oil industry, when it is re-started after the agreement between the Iranian Government and the International Oil Consortium comes into operation.

Informal sources said that the Dutchman would be the chairman of the Board of Directors of the production company.

Mr. Brahen, a representative of the Royal Dutch Oil Company during the oil negotiations, is being tipped as a possible candidate for this post. Informal sources said that an American would probably be put in charge of the refining operations.

Mr. Howard Page of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, who is the head of the Consortium delegation, announced after the oil agreement was initiated today that the Consortium's exports would arrive in Abadan about August 16.

Their mission would be to decide exactly what is required to re-start the flow of Iranian oil to world markets.

—France-Press.

Dr Cort In Warsaw

London, Aug. 5. Dr Joseph Cort, 20-year-old American lecturer, on his way to political asylum in Czechoslovakia, arrived in Warsaw today with his wife, Warsaw Radio stated tonight.

Dr Cort, who was ordered out of Britain, travelled from London to Gdynia in the Polish freighter, Jaroslawa Dabrowski.

Dr Cort, physiology lecturer at Birmingham University, had his permit to stay in England removed when it was found that he would lose his American citizenship if he did not return to face allegations that he had evaded United States citizenship.

He has been granted political asylum by the Czechoslovak Government.

—Reuter.

More Squally Showers Likely Today

Further squally showers with light southerly winds are forecast for this afternoon.

The heavy skies showed no signs of clearing and fresh gusts of wind from the south-east swept through the Colony earlier this morning.

The tropical storm which sprung up suddenly about 80 miles south of the Colony on Thursday has entered the east near Kwong Chau Wan, this morning, where it is apparently filling up.

However, according to the Director of the Royal Observatory, "there is little information coming from that region."

The strong wind signal which was hoisted at 4 p.m. yesterday, was lowered at 8 o'clock this morning.

A further 1.83 inches of rain fell in the 24 hours up to 9 a.m. today, bringing the total rainfall since January 1 to 33.75 inches—about half of the average.

Only 215 million gallons of water had gone into the Colony reservoirs up to this morning, making a total of 3,095 million gallons. This is about 3,000 million gallons short of full capacity.

The Director of Public Works, the Hon. T.L. Bowring, said he hoped the run-off would continue for some days.

MACAO LASHED

The storm passed about 110 miles south of Macao lashing the Colony with gale force winds.

Rainfall recorded during the past 24 hours amounted to 2.25 inches.

No damage was reported and there were no casualties from accidents.

—France-Press.

Big 3 May Reject Soviet Proposal For 4-Power Talks

London, Aug. 5. The United States, France and Britain are likely to reject Russia's latest proposal for a four-power conference in August or September, according to usually well-informed quarters.

The proposal, made in a Soviet note delivered yesterday in Washington, London and Paris, was reviewed at a three-power meeting of officials at the British Foreign Office today.

The meeting had earlier been called to draft a reply to the Soviet note of July 24 which proposed a general European conference to establish an all-European collective security pact.

The impression in London today was that the second Soviet proposal depended closely on the first and could only be accepted by the West if they had agreed to the European conference plan.

In fact, diplomatic quarters in London believed that the three Western Governments had already decided to reject this proposal.

NO ADVANCE

All three, it was understood, held the view that the July proposal contained no advance on an earlier Soviet proposal for a European pact, which had been rejected in May.

The Western powers, it was felt here, could hardly agree to a four-power conference to prepare a wider conference if they were rejecting the proposal to hold a general European conference.

While yesterday's Soviet note reopened the question of the future of Germany, scarcely touched in the July note, the opinion in London was that no fresh constructive proposal was made on the German issue.

And it was noted that in yesterday's note no reference at all was made to the question of the Austrian State treaty.

—Reuter.

Cure Claimed For Typhoid Fever

Lansing, Michigan, Aug. 6.

Michigan's Health Commissioner, Dr. Albert Lee Heustis, announced today the State laboratories had developed the first known cure for typhoid fever.

He said the cure was a new antibiotic called bismethin, which the laboratories have been developing for more than five years.

It had been tested on human beings in Mexico for the past two months and had produced complete cures in 12 cases.

"We had only enough to treat 16 cases under controlled conditions," Dr. Heustis said. "We had only two cases of recurrence of the disease and when we increased the dosage the disease disappeared in 72 hours."

He said this was the most effective drug against the disease yet found.

—Reuter.

Lightning Strikes Adlai Stevenson's Plane

Sheridan, Wyoming, Aug. 5.

Lightning struck the high frequency antenna of a plane carrying Mr. Adlai Stevenson, 11 other passengers and the crew today, but the plane landed safely.

The plane, carrying the 1952 Democratic presidential candidate, was en route from Great Falls to Billings, Montana. It landed safely in Billings, Sheridan Airport officials reported.

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French Assembly Discussing Economic Bill

Paris, Aug. 5.

The French National Assembly today began discussing the draft bill to give the Government special powers in economic and financial matters.

The vote is expected to take place late on Friday, or Saturday night. Without meeting any serious obstacles on the way, the only clashes likely to occur will be over the restrictions to the original draft imposed by the Finance Committee, which reduced the scope of the bill by making December 31 this year the date on which the special powers are to end instead of March 31, next year.

The committee also restricted the extent of the bill to those fields of economic affairs particularly mentioned in it. A further controversial point may be over the question of wage increases. The Economic Council has already voted by

133 votes to one with 27 abstentions in favour of the bill for special powers, but it also voted for wage increases in terms which are not entirely those suggested by the Government. The Government has said that increased production will benefit the workers, and that major wage increases must be proportionate to increases in the national revenue. They must follow increased production according to the Government's view.

TUNISIAN QUESTION
The Economic Council, on the other hand, considers that a certain wage increase could proceed general economic expansion, and would in fact stimulate production. This latter point of view will probably be put forward in the coming debate.

Meanwhile, parliamentary groups are still preoccupied by the Tunisian question though they are awaiting next Tuesday's debate on it to make their positions known. The European Defence Community remains in the forefront of the disputes' minds, particularly as the time draws near when the whole question is to be tackled. During tonight's debate, Premier Pierre Mendes-France left the Government benches to sit beside the Christian Democrat leader, M. Robert Lecoq. Rumour has it that they talked exclusively about the European Defence Community. — France-Press.

Basic Factor In Balkans Security

Paris, Aug. 5.

The French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, told the Paris correspondent of the Yugoslav newspaper, Politika, in an exclusive interview that the Yugoslav-Turkish pact was the "basic factor for security in the Balkans and in Europe."

The interview was quoted tonight by the Yugoslav Tanjug news agency, which stated according to messages reaching Paris that M. Mendes-France also said, "I am very glad that efforts are now being made for the strengthening of that pact and I do not doubt that those efforts will bring about results which will be in the interests of all."

Referring to Franco-Yugoslav relations, M. Mendes-France expressed the belief that these relations could develop in many fields.

MANY TIES

"Our two countries," he said, "are united by so many ties from the past and friendship is very deeply rooted. The consciousness of this friendship should drive us on our efforts to further development in our relations not only economic and cultural, but also political."

The French Premier also referred to the results of the Geneva Conference, saying, "We can say at present," among other things, "that the agreement, in Geneva springing from the conviction of all the participants that an end should be put to the war. The next stage is the independence of the three countries in Indo-China. We wish this independence to be definitely affirmed and respected by all."

GERMAN RELATIONS

Turning to Franco-German relations, M. Mendes-France stressed that he had declared several times in Parliament that the harmonising of Franco-German relations on a sane and lasting basis was one of the basic guarantees of peace.

The interview will be published in Belgrade tomorrow. — France-Press.

JAP PILLBOXES

New Britain, Aug. 6. Concrete pillboxes and concrete-lined tunnels built by the Japanese at Rabaul during world war II are causing trouble for contractors here who have to clear them for building. The tunnels riddle the town area. Pillboxes still stand on some of the best building blocks.

Contractors estimate it will cost \$20,000 to clear them before an extension building project, planned for Rabaul, can get under way. — Reuters.

Washington, Aug. 5. The Marques and Marquesa de Villa-Verde of Spain left for New York today. On Saturday the Marques expects to leave for Spain on the return flight of the Iberia Airlines' first round-trip between New York and Madrid. — United Press.

Anniversary Of A-Bomb Explosion In Japan

Tokyo, Aug. 6.

Thirty thousand people representing every walk of life throughout Japan this morning offered Requiem Mass to 80,000 victims who died nine years ago today at the first atomic bomb explosion in Hiroshima.

For the first time, the Imperial family, Prince and Princess Takamatsu — were present at the Requiem.

Eight years have elapsed, but the outcry of the Japanese against the atomic bombs, far from being assuaged, is taking on an added furor and pliancy. The Bikini hydrogen bomb experiments, which affected the Japanese fishermen this year, also contributed to rekindle their anger.

PEACE RALLY
The ceremony is followed by a peace rally, in which they called upon the world, including the United States and the United Nations, to cease hydrogen bomb experiments. A number of distinguished persons of world fame, including Mrs. Roosevelt, wrote special messages for the occasion.

In Tokyo, a plan was decided upon to build an "atomic bomb art museum," in which all paintings, depicting the horrors of the atomic bombs, done by Japanese artists, would be displayed. — France-Press.

JORDAN PROTESTS

Jerusalem, Aug. 5. Jordan has lodged a complaint with the Mixed Armistice Commission, alleging that Israeli forces had fired on Jordan positions in the Arab quarter of Jerusalem this morning. A United Nations investigation team has left for the scene. — Reuters.



General Franco presents the title of "Exemplary Worker" to Luciano Amo Izquierdo, a farmer from Castilla, on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the Nationalist Revolution. General Franco, Spanish Chief of State, presented various titles to Spanish workers in the ceremony held in the National Palace in Madrid. — Express Photo.

RESERVE UNITS ALERTED

U.S. Bolstering Air Defences

Washington, Aug. 5.

The Air Force announced today that fighter plane units of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve eventually will be put in a "ready alert" status to bolster America's air defences.

As a starter, Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott said that starting August 15 jet fighter detachments of nine Guard squadrons will maintain a 14-hour daylight alert at their home stations in eight states.

The units will operate under Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw, newly-named chief of the new Continental Defence Command which embraces elements of all the military services.

Mr. Talbott said it is expected that the plan "will be expanded to include all Air National Guard fighter units and eventually Air Force Reserve units."

At the start, the squadrons will keep two jet planes, five pilots, and 10 maintenance men on alert at all times at each of the selected sites.

Active duty period may run as long as two months for pilots, the Air Force said. Technicians will be Guard members employed as civilians. — United Press.

Church Not Communistic

Chicago, Aug. 5.

A spokesman for the World Council of Churches denied charges that the group has "Communist tendencies."

The Rev. Timothy Two Slang Hui and Quok Kioek Chang, Vice-President and Secretary, respectively, of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches, criticized the World Council yesterday in speeches to the International Council of Churches at Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.

Hui said that modernist churchmen are launching a master plan to capture the entire church.

The World Council spokesman said, "Well-informed church people should not be disturbed by the disrupting reports which will probably come from the Elkins Park meeting for the next 10 days. The record of this group is such that neither the church population nor the general public should be deceived. — United Press.

International Commodity Commission

Geneva, Aug. 5.

The United Nations Economic and Social Council today decided to set up a commission on international commodity trade, despite opposition from Britain, France and the United States.

Russia was among the 12 countries which voted for the Argentinean resolution proposing the commission. It will have 18 members elected by the Council and will survey the situation in the international commodity trade when it meets early next year.

It will attempt to co-ordinate inter-governmental action against sharp fluctuations in trade between nations.

Any member of the United Nations may bring problems before the commission and take part in debates concerning them, the resolution said.

INDIVIDUAL GOVTS.

Sir Alec Randall, for Britain, said that no action should be taken until the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade review of international trade in November. But he said that his Government would do its utmost to make the commission work if elected to it.

The United States delegation said commodities were a question for individual governments and not for international action.

The motion was supported by Nationalist China, Argentina, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Turkey, Russia, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

Norway, Belgium and Australia abstained. — Reuters.

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'Stirring Up' War Hysteria

New Delhi, Aug. 5.

The Indian Government today protested against the "war hysteria" which it alleged Portugal had worked up against India.

In a note handed to the Portuguese Legation here India also complained about "provocative anti-Indian demonstrations held in Lourenco Marques, capital of Portuguese East Africa, last week."

The note described the incidents as "unusually acts against a population which has been living peacefully and has given no provocation for such untoward acts of violence and destruction."

"Such acts are the result of the policy of the Government in the Government-controlled press and radio and war hysteria which the Portuguese authorities both in Lourenco Marques and in Lisbon have worked up against India."

The Indian Government said it viewed such acts with "grave apprehension" and warned that their repercussions in India "are bound to be most serious."

The note demanded "immediate assurance that all measures will be taken to ensure full protection to the person and property of the Indian population in Portuguese East Africa."

It added that the Portuguese Government would be held responsible for any loss or damage to them.—Reuter.

V.D. Survey

Geneva, Aug. 5. About 20 million people suffer from syphilis, according to a survey carried out by the World Health Organisation in 55 countries.

The survey published here today said that in some areas in certain countries up to 80 per cent of the population were syphilitic.

Worst case mentioned was that of Addis Ababa, the Abyssinian capital, where 82 per cent of the prostitutes and 23 per cent of the school children had the disease.

The survey said that under favourable conditions the cost of a penicillin cure in Britain varied from six shillings and six pence to 10 shillings and five pence.

Syphilis surveys in South-east Asia have shown a prevalence ranging from 0.0 to 31 per cent in different population groups in Afghanistan from 2.4 to 25.4 per cent in Burma, from 0.5 to 11.9 per cent in Ceylon and from five to 50 per cent in India.—Reuter.

CYPRUS ISSUE

Greek Asks For Argentine Support

Buenos Aires, Aug. 5.

The Greek Minister, Constantinos Vassiliotis, tonight asked Argentina to support Greece's claim to Cyprus Island if and when the issue comes before the United Nations in September.

Mr. Vassiliotis spoke at a Legation press conference. Britain has refused to relinquish her hold on Cyprus, and on the part of islands—called the *Enklaves* by the Argentinians and Falklands by the British—off the southern tip of this Continent Argentina has a long-standing claim to this southern island group.

The Minister added that all Greeks hoped the British government would change its mind and consent to turn Cyprus over to Greece before August 22, the last day the UN rule of procedure permit the issue to be filed before the organisation. The first meeting of the UN General Assembly will be on September 22.

Mr. Vassiliotis emphasised that a plebiscite on the Mediterranean island in 1960 resulted in an overwhelming vote for "enosis," the Greek word for "union with Greece."—United Press.

RHEE VISITS TRUMAN

Independence, Miss. Aug. 5. President Syngman Rhee, of South Korea, told Mr. Harry Truman today that the Korean people would be everlastingly grateful to the man who sent American troops to help them fight the Communists.

Dr. Rhee had called at the Independence home of the former President.—Reuter.

Boston, Aug. 5. The Royal Netherlands Navy today took over a Boston-built escort vessel and commissioned it Her Netherlands Majesty's Ship *Hermelin*.

The *Hermelin* is the second Boston-built escort vessel to be given the Netherlands under the mutual defence programme. Her commanding officer will be Lt. H. J. Hagdorn.—United Press.

Air-Lifting Tents For Refugees

Washington, Aug. 5.

Mr. Harold Stassen, the Foreign Operations Administrator, announced today that the United States had sent 2,000 tents to shelter 40,000 refugees in Indo-China as part of an increased aid programme to the area.

Mr. Stassen said that 500 of the tents had been airlifted from Japan to the "free" area of Vietnam. The rest of the tents would arrive by ship in a matter of days.

They would be available as temporary shelter for refugee families who had quit their homes and fled to French-held Vietnam to escape the Communists. Mr. Stassen pointed out that the United States had received the urgent request for the tents from Indo-China on July 29 and the first air load was in Saigon ready for use seven days later. Two United States refugee experts were due in Saigon today to assist in refugee resettlement and evacuation.

Mr. Stassen said it still was not decided whether the American aid to Laos, Cambodia and Southern Vietnam would be given directly to the governments of those states or through French channels.—Reuter.

CHOU AND CHAPLIN



Charlie Chaplin with Chou En-lai, the Chinese Communist Prime Minister, when they met at the latter's residence near Geneva recently. The comedian and his wife were entertained to dinner by the Chinese Prime Minister.—Express Photo.

Bilateral Agreement Will Hold Good If EDC Not Ratified

Paris, Aug. 5.

General Pierre Koenig, French Defence Minister, said today that no hard and fast link should be established between American aid and the ratification by France of the European Defence Community treaty.

Replying to a question in the French Upper House (Council of the Republic), he said that the Richards amendment to American foreign aid appropriation would have only limited consequences and would mainly affect the air force and navy.

He said that on March 31, 1954, 1,005,000,000 worth of American supplies were awaiting shipment to France under the military aid programme.

The Richards amendment cutting aid to countries not having ratified EDC would reduce these shipments by only US\$191,000,000. The general remarked that these deliveries had been the subject of bilateral agreement under the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, which would remain valid whatever the attitude adopted by France towards EDC.

Senator Boudet, a supporter of EDC, urged upon the defence minister that the French military effort should not be relaxed at present in view of

No Strike Settlement

Hamburg, Aug. 5. Privately owned buses were doing a great trade at one-third above normal fares in Hamburg today as the city's public utilities workers continued their two-day-old strike, with no settlement in sight.

Some of the city's 1,700,000 people marched to work this morning singing marching songs. Household gas and water supplies were down to a flicker and a trickle.

The trains, serving mainly outlying districts, were the only public transport not affected by the strike.

The city's 14,000 transport, gas and water workers downed tools yesterday to support their demand for more pay.

They want an extra 10 pfennigs an hour for time-workers, and a six per cent increase in salaries. An arbitration board suggested they should be given half their demand.

Union and Municipal delegates conferred for several hours today. It was stated that the Union demands had been lowered, but that the city representatives would not go above a four pfennigs an hour increase.

During a break in the bargaining, the negotiators stated that no end to the strike was yet in sight.—Reuter.

WORLD ANGLICAN CONGRESS

Minneapolis, Aug. 5.

The Rt. Rev. Richard Ambrose Reeves, Bishop of Johannesburg, South Africa, said today he hoped the World Anglican Congress now meeting here would be an encouragement to "all those people in South Africa who are struggling against the prevailing policy of apartheid or racial segregation."

Bishop Reeves is a delegate to the conference which is attended by 600 bishops, priests and laymen from many countries.

"In the Anglican Church, we do not practice apartheid in theory," he said in reply to a question.

EQUAL VOTING POWER
"In my own diocese, people of all races sit in the same synod with equal voting power."

"It is one of the few places in South Africa where Africans can still express their opinion freely. They have 42 per cent of the voting power in the synod."

"We have to face the fact that a great number of our Europeans in South Africa would not wish to have multi-racial services always. But you do find Africans worshipping in European churches. I know of no church in my diocese where Africans would be excluded if they came."

Bishop Reeves said he had 130 priests—35 of them Africans—in his diocese which covered an area of 45,000 square miles.—Reuter.

U.S. To Export Coal

Washington, Aug. 5.

Ten million tons of American coal will be disposed of under the foreign aid programme for the 1955 financial year, Mr. Harold Stassen, the head of the Foreign Aid Operations Administration, told a press conference here tonight.

The United States Government had decided on this because of present over-production in the United States. Last year, similar action was taken with regard to \$200 to \$250 million worth of surplus agricultural products.—France-Press.

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Stassen Defends British Aid

Washington, Aug. 5. Mr. Harold Stassen, the Foreign Operations Administrator, today vigorously defended United States financing of British production of military aircraft for the NATO alliance.

Mr. Stassen at a press conference, described as "inaccurate and misinformed" a report by the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee which accused Britain of diverting American funds to building up its civilian aircraft industry.

Mr. Stassen said the staff report also was wrong when it said that Britain "is being outbid aircraft by the funds."

"The Hawker Hunter and other types of fighters and bombers which Britain is building under the off-shore procurement programme are not obsolete," he said.

"These planes will be the first to fight for the free world if there is a war in the next five or six years,"—Reuter.

Ehrenburg's Documents Seized

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 5.

Heated arguments broke out as soon as Ilya Ehrenburg, leading Soviet writer, arrived at Cerillos airport here tonight to present a Stalin Peace Prize in the capital of Chile.

His wife fainted, and was taken to the first aid room at the airport. The argument, over a search of the Russian's luggage, continued as Ehrenburg refused to leave the airport.

Ehrenburg, who had intended to present the Stalin Peace Prize awarded to the poet Pablo Neruda on his 50th birthday, announced that he would leave tomorrow.

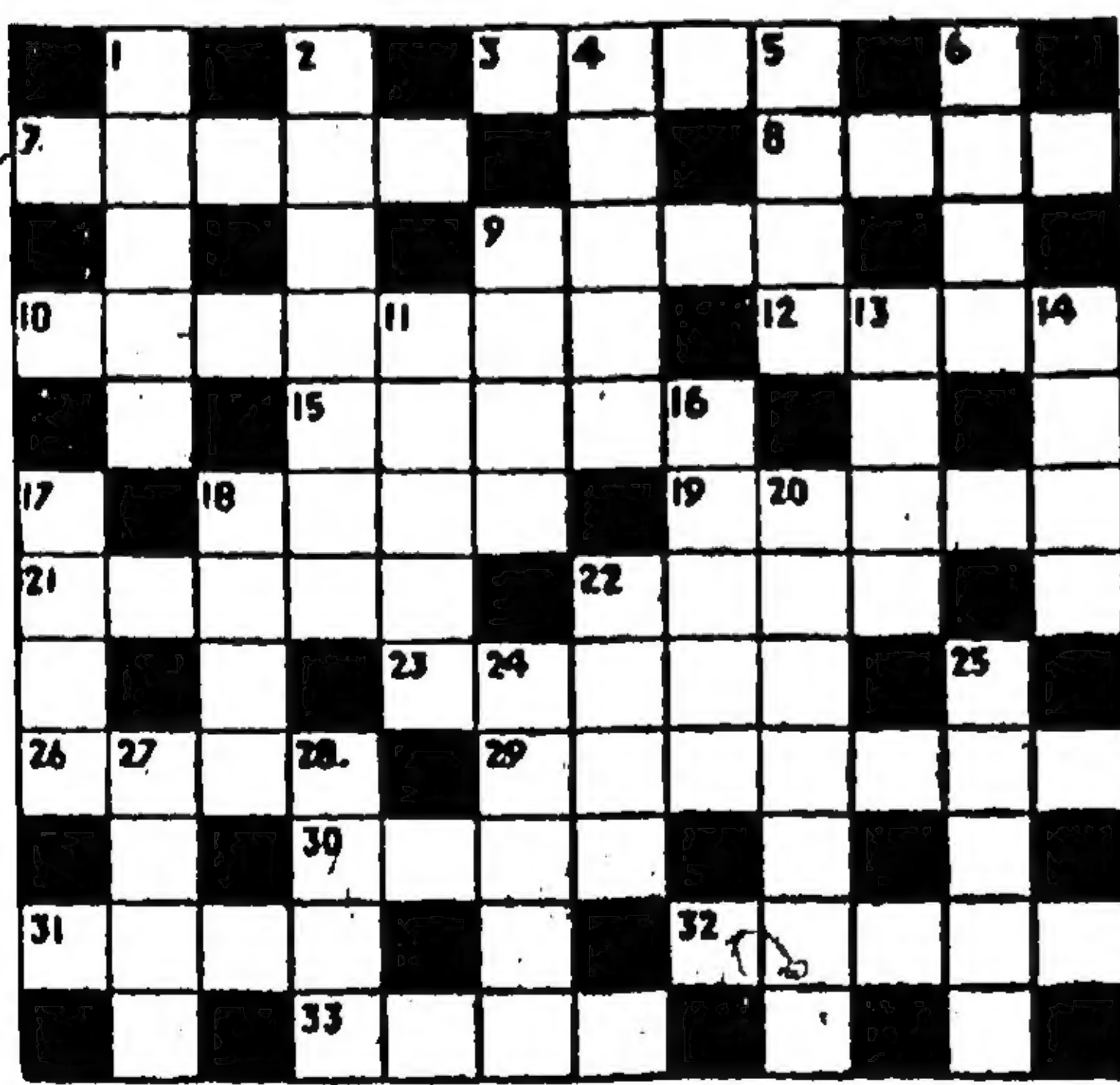
Airport police ignored his diplomatic passport and his instructions from their superiors, ordered Ehrenburg to open his luggage. They took his documents for inspection to the central police station. Reuter.

Paris, Aug. 5.

An amnesty for prisoners was voted today in Rumania by the People's Grand Assembly, according to a Tass agency dispatch received here today.

The amnesty does not apply to political prisoners who have "committed crimes against the security of the Rumanian state."—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Young animal (4).
- 7 Unbroken (5).
- 8 Legal right (4).
- 9 Heap (4).
- 10 Outed (4).
- 12 Requests (4).
- 15 Woods (5).
- 16 Cried (4).
- 19 Pressed (5).
- 21 Commerce (5).
- 22 Extend across (4).
- 23 Sealed (4).
- 25 Shallow vessels (4).
- 30 Dry (7).
- 30 Restrained (4).
- 31 Stupid (4).
- 32 Undone (5).
- 33 Religious sisters (4).

DOWN

- 1 Push (5).
- 2 Chosen by vote (7).
- 4 Tolerant (5).
- 5 Insect (4).
- 6 Bill (4).
- 9 Saucy (4).
- 11 Get narrower (5).
- 13 Symbol (4).
- 14 Flank (4).
- 17 Minor actor (5).
- 18 Chase (4).
- 19 Craven (4).
- 20 Knave (7).
- 22 Wound (4).
- 24 Protective garment (5).
- 26 Brown pigment (5).
- 27 Eager (4).
- 28 Scrub (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Fabric, 7. Slam, 9. Explet, 10. Moor, 11. Ease, 12. Ascertain, 13. Thug, 14. Onat, 15. Dependence, 22. Ebon, 24. Orde, 25. Grime, 26. Hone, 27. Esteem. Down: 2. Apple, 3. Ruler, 4. Combat, 5. Assented, 6. Mars, 8. Candy, 12. Sight, 13. Apple, 14. Champion, 15. Adam, 23. Spurn, 24. Sight, 25. Sable, 26. Brown.



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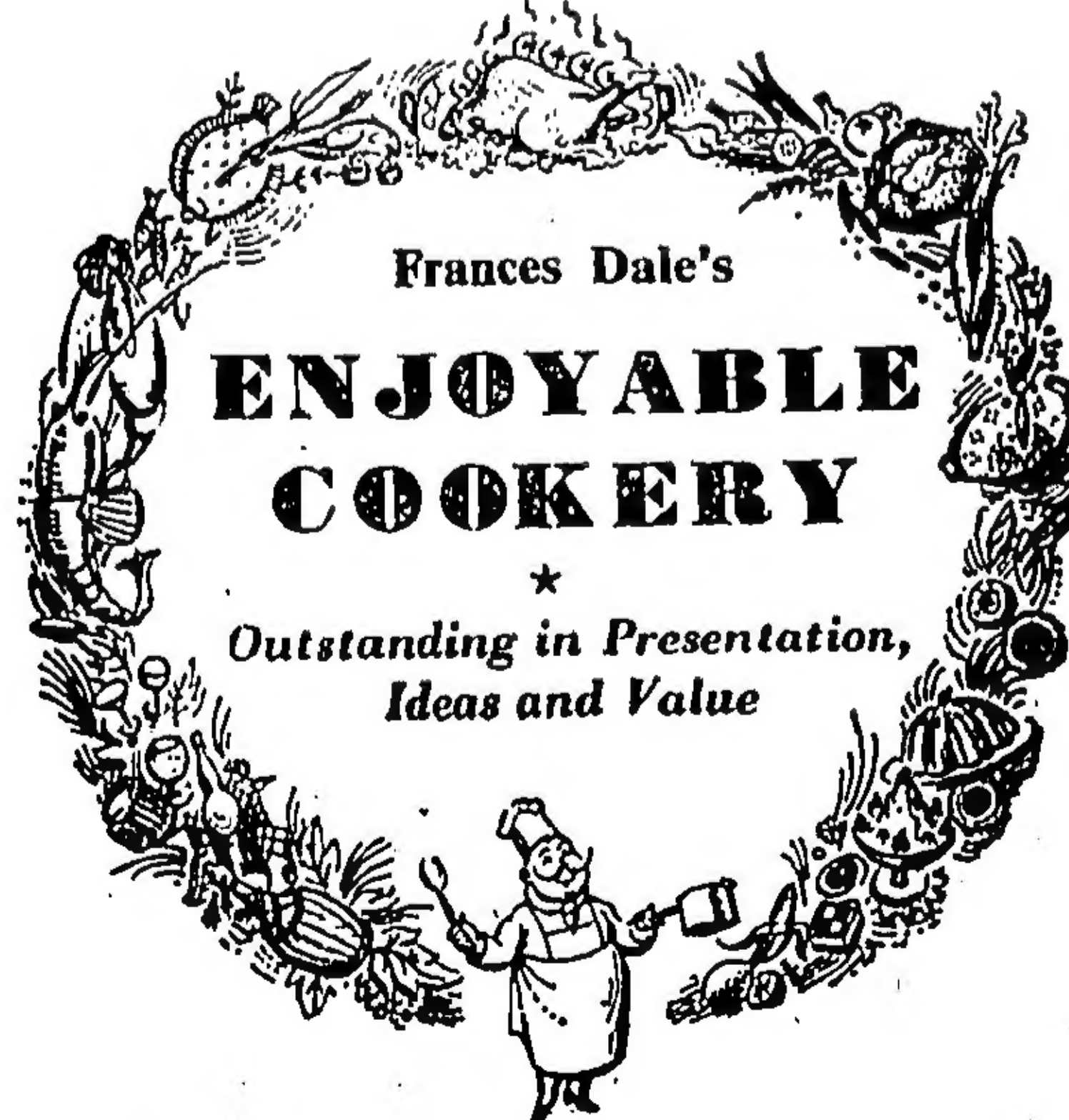
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THE GREEN SENTRY BOXES OF RUSSIA

By Hugo Dewar

SOVIET propagandists never tire of explaining to the rest of the world how much superior their land is to any other. This sort of thing has gone on for so long that some citizens in the West have developed a marked inferiority complex. Under the spell of the Soviet publicity experts, they alternate between hanging their heads in shame and gazing with dewy-eyed wonder at this land of their dreams, a land rendered all the more enchanting by distance. It seems to them—so well is everything arranged in the Soviet Union—that even when it snows there, it is with government permission.

When their remarks are addressed to the home population, however, the Soviet propagandists are not quite so sure that the "new Soviet man" is a paragon of all the virtues. To judge from the present campaign against drunkenness and hooliganism, a large number of the rising generation in the Soviet Union find Communist society less agreeable than they should.

Semyon's Fall

Of course, adolescence also has its problems in other countries, and sometimes these problems assume serious forms. Soviet propagandists have patiently explained that juvenile delinquency in the capitalist West is largely due to the bad influence of American gangster films and comics. But neither of these influences is at work in the USSR. What explanation do the Soviet authorities give, then, for the admitted prevalence of drunkenness and hooliganism among Soviet youth?

An explanation has been attempted by the organ of the Young Communist League, Komsomolskaya Pravda, in a series of articles on this problem. One such article (May 7, 1954) told the story of young Semyon B's fall from grace.

It appears that this youth was late in rising one morning, and decided to breakfast out in order to save time. Unfortunately the snack-bar he entered was more interested in serving hard liquor than food. When he said that he did not drink, the barman replied that "only a telegraph pole doesn't drink, and that's because it's in-

sulation cups are upside down."

Not wishing to appear a milk-sop, young Semyon took a drink. This was the first step on the road to ruin: he acquired a taste for vodka. And temptation was everywhere in his path. Between his hostel dormitory and the factory gates there were six liquor shops; there were nine on the way to the tram stop, and three on the way to the cinema. How could young Semyon avoid these pitfalls strewn so liberally in his path? Reproached by his companions, he merely repeated the phrase "Only a telegraph pole..."

Mushroom Growth

Of course Semyon ended up in the police station on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. The deputy police chief said he was acquainted with many young workers from the Rostov agricultural machinery plant, but none of them was ever sober when first introduced to him.

"Our youngsters in the settlement are good fellows," he said. "The trouble is that they meet beer halls at every step. The liquor shops are ruining the youngsters. The 'quick-drink' shops are hotbeds of hooliganism."

It would appear that the explanation for this degeneration of the Soviet youth is the increase in the number of establishments selling hard liquor. But how is this possible, in a country where everything is controlled by the State?

The Komsomolskaya Pravda article went on to point out that "the settlement where the Rostov agricultural machinery plant workers live does not have a restaurant, a good snack-bar, a cafe or tea shop. Instead, the city trade agencies have created a mushroom growth of liquor stands, kiosks, pavilions and corner bars without signs or names. People here call them 'green sentry boxes'."

Firm Directive

After protests from the Komsomol committee, drinking shops around the gates of the plant were closed down, only to reappear in side streets. And behind the counters of these establishments "many thieves and petty racketeers have found refuge..."

When tackled about this state of affairs, the chief of the city trade department agreed that there was room for improvement; but he explained that all these "green sentry boxes" are classed as public catering establishments. "And we have a firm directive not to close down a single public catering enterprise without permission of the Ministry of Trade."

them down—only to change the kind of drinks they sold—he replied: "But what will happen to the sales takings?"

This reply directly contradicts the explanation given earlier—that the spread of drunkenness is due to the increase in the number of places of refreshment; for the chief of the city trade department suggests that this increase is the result of public demand. Offer the Soviet public lemonade or ginger pop and the sales graph would plunge off the paper.

It would be impossible to achieve the quota officially laid down. And if anyone thinks that there is no "target" for vodka, he should be reminded that the manufacture and sale of vodka is a State monopoly. It was relinquished as such by Stalin in 1925.

Before the Revolution vodka yielded an annual revenue of almost a milliard gold rubles to the Tsarist State. It is reasonable to assume that the Soviet State, in taking over this business in 1925, had an eye to business.

In this connection it should be recalled that in the early years of the Russian Revolution strenuous efforts were made to combat alcoholism. Up to 1925 the Soviet State refused to follow the Tsarist policy, scorning to make a profit out of the sale of this "deadly enemy of the working man," and imposing restrictions on its manufacture and sale by private concerns.

No Scruples

Stalin, however, did not have such scruples, and did not hesitate, when it was clear that the popular thirst for vodka had in no degree abated, to brush aside the objections raised by Lenin's widow and others who had not forgotten the accusation formerly raised against Tsarism, that it deliberately fostered drunkenness among the working people.

Whether or not Stalinism deliberately followed in the footsteps of Tsarism in this matter, excessive drinking has remained to this day a marked feature of Soviet society.

The present campaign against drunkenness—directed in particular at the youth, but also aimed to some extent at certain "architects of the human soul" in the literary world—is thus by no means the first of its kind. But unless the root cause of the trouble is struck at it is no more likely to be successful than the others.

The State may well have a vested interest in the sale of vodka. But Marxists themselves would be the first to admit that when drunkenness becomes a widespread phenomenon, then it is, broadly speaking, social conditions themselves that are to blame.

Indeed, Komsomolskaya Pravda of April 3, 1954, gave a hint that it recognizes this as the true cause when it commented: "Have the Young Communist League officials in Saratov given

Success Story Of A Chimp

By SYDNEY SMITH

FROM the jungle to television stardom at \$1,000 a week in 28 months is pretty good going. But that is briefly the achievement of a 3 st. 8 lb., 2 ft. 2 ins. tall ape named J. Fred Muggs.

Mr Muggs rocketed to his peak of fame when he shared a television commentary on the Coronation with the chief of the British Information Service in America, Paul Gore-Booth.

Buddy and Roy say now: "So we found ourselves wet nursing an ape, but within two weeks—boy, that ape wasn't for sale for gold."

"We'd no idea of commercialising him—we just wanted to bring him up as a human child, and I guess we just about succeeded."

Buddy's warm Latin heart pops right out here when he says, with almost tearful sincerity: "I've always wanted to know what happened to Muggs's Mom."

HIS NAME

MUGGS hadn't a name until he was six months old. A child's competition to name him was won by a nine-year-old boy (first prize a bird cage), who said: "He looks as though his name is Muggs."

So Muggs grew up, eating at the table, brushing his own teeth, dressed like a child; understanding, as Buddy and Roy swear he does, "every word."

From my own observations in the past three days I would say Muggs understands most things that are said to him. He doesn't understand the words Paul Gore-Booth.

HIS BOTTLE

MR MUGGS, first of all, is British. He was born in West Africa, in the British Cameroons, and captured in a net. Purchase price: \$800.

He arrived in the United States, aged 13 weeks, in a tiny box, and the air hostess fed him formula milk from a bottle every two hours all the way to New York.

He had been bought, rather hesitantly and with much misgiving, by his present owners, two New Jersey pet-shop proprietors, 32-year-old Brooklyn-Italian Buddy Menella, and 30-year-old Roy Waldron.

But when he is told, like any child of four—his equivalent human age—"Pick up your spoon, Muggs," "Smile Muggs," "Kiss the pretty lady, Muggs," or "Sit up properly, Muggs," and take your feet off the table—Muggs understands immediately.

Sometimes, like a child, he doesn't obey. A dark veil of rebellion is apt to fall across his brilliant little brown eyes, and there is a danger that he might dive rapidly under the table and roll on the carpet. He's terribly human.

HIS DOLLARS

HOW did he get into TV? A television talent scout spotted him and he was offered \$20 for a two-minute show. An hour later he had a five-year contract which will bring him \$1,000 a week by next year, apart from tens of thousands more for Muggs toys, Muggs gramophone records, Muggs children's books.

Muggs has all the most lovable human failings, as well as the monkey quality of intelligence that tells him just how far he can afford to tease these humans without getting slapped.

He knows that if he were entirely human he wouldn't be interesting. Like the great actor he is, he gives us a bit of monkey business just at the moment when his intelligence gets boring.

Now, very much in the money, Roy and Buddy are a bit bewildered. Says Roy: "Some people think Muggs is just a dollar sign to us. But when Muggs got ill last winter with bronchial trouble, there were no three sickler guys in the world than Muggs and us."

Newell Rogers Reports America

FASHIONS FROM THE GRAVE

ALREADY the discoverer of the 5000 B.C. pyramid tomb of King Cheops in faraway Egypt cause a sensation in the fashion world of Fifth Avenue.

Dressmakers, modistes, hair-dressers, jewellery designers, and cloth manufacturers see an exciting new money-making trend in Cheops' solar ship, built to carry his soul to eternity.

They remember the discoveries in Tutankhamen's tomb in 1922—how women "felt" for ancient Egyptian styles, buying print dresses to make them look like Queens of the Nile. The fashion industry hopes it will happen again.

They will help by trying to make females look more mysterious and sultry than Cleopatra.

A possible blessing—hairdos in the style of the Sphinx. This may end the vogue for the shaggy Italian or mermaid haircuts, popularised by Audrey Hepburn in her Broadway hit "On dine."

STARTLED by the negotiations of Capital Airlines for Vickers Viscount prop-jet airliners, the Convair company, Vickers' chief American rival, has rushed its "answer" into the air.

It is the VC-131 C, with two turbo-prop engines that give it a top speed of about 380 miles an hour. Convair hopes to persuade owners of 360 of their old piston-engined airliners to convert them to turbo-props. Conversion would cost \$300,000 (£123,000) a plane.

SHINING EYES.... Anna Coker, aged 72, is leaving Philadelphia to marry John Edgcombe, 70, when he arrives at Vancouver from Auckland, New Zealand.

It was 1906 in the England of dusty roads and blackberry hedges and silent skies when Father forbade Anna to see stable-boy John any more. He sent her to America to break up the romance.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Good Playing May Lead to Trouble

By OSWALD JACOBY

As a general rule, the better you play bridge, the more points you will score. Once in a while, however, as today's hand shows, your brilliant play will land you in the soup.

When today's hand was played in a recent team-of-four match, the contract was four hearts at both tables. At both tables, likewise, West opened the seven of spades.

The first East won the first trick with the ten of spades, continued with the king of spades, and then led the ace of spades. This gave the declarer a chance to go wrong. If South ruffed with a low trump, West would overtrick and cash the ace of clubs immediately to set the contract.

The declarer in the first room saw this danger and therefore ruffed with the ace of trump in order to prevent an overtrick.

NORTH (D)		EAST	
♠ Q 5 3		♠ A K J 10 2	
♥ K 8 4 2		♥ Q J	
♦ A		♦ 8 0 3 2	
♣ A K J 10 4		♣ A 8 5 2	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 7 4		♠ A 10 7 5 3	
♥ Q J		♥ K Q 7 4	
♦ 8 0 3 2		♦ A	
♣ A 8 5 2		♣ Q	
North-South vul.		Pass	
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
5 ♥	Pass		
Opening lead—♠ 7			

He next led a trump to dummy's king and cashed the queen of spades to discard the queen of clubs. West got a trump trick, but not a club trick, and South made his contract.

At the second table, East won the trick with the ten of spades and saw that a spade continuation would do no good. East brilliantly returned the seven of clubs at the second trick, hoping that his partner would take the ace of clubs and lead his remaining spade. A spade continuation would then assure West of a trump trick, to defeat the contract.

It was a brilliant idea, and East is to be congratulated on discovering the only defence that had a chance to defeat the contract. Unfortunately for East, however, his partner could not read the play.

When East led the seven of clubs at the second trick, West naturally took the ace of clubs. West decided that his partner must have returned a singleton club, and he therefore led another club at the third trick.

This defence, gave declarer the chance to throw off his losing spade, and South wound up making 11 tricks. East had found the only line of play that could possibly defeat the contract, but this result was only to give declarer an extra trick.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
East South West North
1 Dmd. Double Pass 1 Heart
Pass ?
You, South, hold: Spades K-J-4-A. Hearts K-7-5-2. Diamonds 4. Clubs A-J-6-3. What do you do?

A—Pass or bid two hearts. You have only 12 points in high cards and game is almost out of the question, since your partner could not make a jump response. The conservative course is to pass, but you cannot be criticised severely for a raise to two hearts.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-J-4-A. Hearts K-7-5-2. Diamonds 4. Clubs A-J-6-3. What do you do?

Answer—Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

By Beachcomber

EATERS who fear that the foul food they get in restaurants may be poisoning them, have been given hope by a statistician. It has been ascertained that if you ate three meals a day in restaurants, "it would be 1,335 years before you were statistically poisoned."

You may, of course, be poisoned by your very first meal on the very first day of your round of the restaurants; poisoned, but not statistically poisoned. If you recover, you have 1,335 years, all but a few days, to resume your adventures with chemical food. Good morning, raw material of statistics.

Ignorant opposition

COUNCILLOR D. B. Wyndham Lewis has suggested that pretty litter-hoosters should tour the streets with dainty bins—a kind of litter-flag-day. ("Won't you give me a used bus-ticket Sir?" by ridiculing it. This is not constructive criticism of an idea already supported by Mrs. Gregson, Canon Huff, and Dame Olive Stone. Many girls have nothing to do until the cocktail parties start in the evening. By enrolling as litter-hoosters they could enjoy a healthy open-air life, and prepare themselves for a career of civic-consciousness. As Japonica Rivers-Cowpe said yesterday, "I got quite a thrill every time I pick a cigarette butt out of the gutter."

For the under-forties

HERE, again, is Bop, the egg-man, who tore his left nostril on a beehive at the bazaar.

His cat, Moopsie, has measles, and his aunt lives at Chilswade with two friends who make gaiters for poachers. Bop thinks they poach eggs, and his friend the iron-monger has given him a ball made of string. Bop prefers his trumpet stuffed with charcoal. He plays it when it snows. Tomorrow Bop is going to give the Admiral a bottle with a lemon in it. Won't it be fun?

Tck, tck

A WEALTHY woman who, while dining in a nightclub, was robbed of eleven precious stones which she carried in her reticule for publicity purposes, rang up a newspaper to report the event to a man she knew. "I've lost eleven stones," she said in a fearful voice. "Really?" replied the man, "keep it up. You'll soon be as slim as Babs," mentioning a rival.

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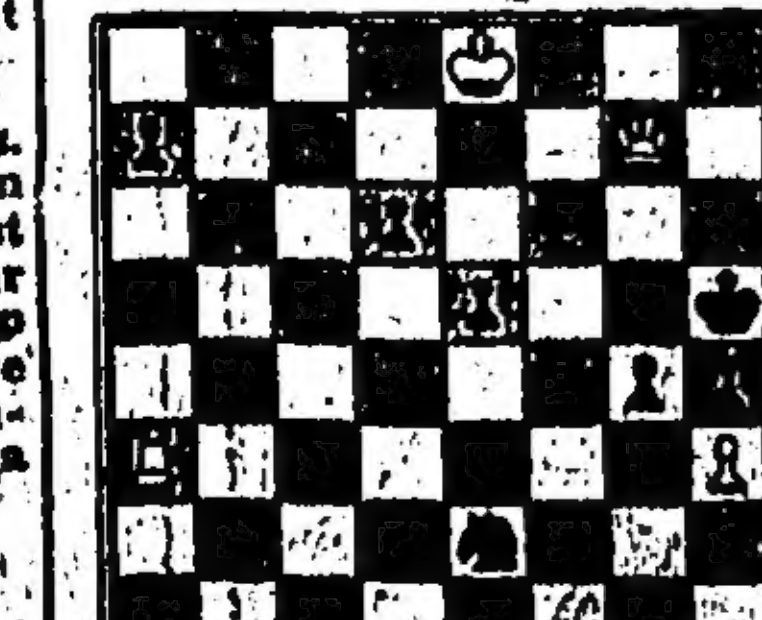


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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

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BORN today you are affectionate, loving and devoted to members of your own family as well as to those of others. You are fond of children and they are fond of you. Teaching is a profession to which you would excel. You have a fine mind. You enjoy books and will want a large library of your own. In fact, you may need to force yourself into more social contact with others. For you are a little inclined to become a bookworm. As a child you were probably more apt to curl up with a good book than to be out playing games with the other children. The stars have given you literary and poetry gifts that should be developed. You are also a good judge of the arts and might make a fine professional critic. You have a tendency to put off until tomorrow something which should be done today. But there are so many to-morrows that the day ends so soon! Don't procrastinate. You are fond of your home and will be happy if you were fairly early in life and have your own family to care for. You are a naturalist in showing your affection and should wed someone who is similarly inclined. Among those who were born on this date are: Daniel O'Connell, Irish patriot; The Marquis de La Fayette, French statesman; Lord Tennyson, poet; Paul Claudel, French statesman; Ruth Suckow, novelist. To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—The stars are in prospect for you. Get away from home for a change, if you can. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Don't neglect important business decisions, just because this is not a regular working day. A good time to plan. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—The stars appear to be in your favour. Finish some of the things you have been planning to do. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)—You can plan to do what you want now. Draw up a blueprint and then follow it carefully. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Develop a new idea. If you are a business man, develop a new product. A new idea will make a good profit from it. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Perhaps a short trip into the country will be just what you need. Helps build health and energy.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Do You Like Chocolate?

—You May, but Cows and Robins Don't!

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was walking down the road singing at the top of his voice: "The thing that I like best to eat is something sweet, like a chocolate bar!" Just as Knarf was singing this song in the loudest possible way, he heard a deep voice at the side of the road saying: "That song is wrong, Knarf!" "Wrong?" said Knarf, as he looked around to see who was talking to him. He saw that it was a cow.

A Cow's Correction

"Yes, the song is wrong," said the cow. "This is how it should go: 'The thing that I like best to eat is something sweet, like grass.'"

Knarf was just about to say "Why, that doesn't sound at all right," when he heard a warbling voice saying in a loud, warbling way: "Your song is wrong, cow."

"Is it?" said the cow, looking around at the fence. Knarf looked around at the fence, too. They both saw a robin.

"Yes the song is wrong," repeated the robin. "It should go like this: 'The thing that I like best to eat is something sweet, like a worm.'"

Knarf and the cow were astonished to hear this, since neither of them cared much for worms. Just then they heard a squeaky, squeaky kind of little voice. The voice came from behind two or three dandelions and buttercups. It said: "Your song is wrong, robin. Your song is wrong, too, cow. And so is your song wrong, Knarf. All your songs are wrong."

A Mouse Song

"I'm me," said the squeaky, squeaky voice. Knarf and the cow and the robin looked very hard before they discovered that the voice belonged to a mouse. "This is how the song should go," said the mouse.

"The thing that I like best to eat is something sweet, like cheese."

Then Knarf and the cow and the robin and the mouse heard an even smaller and fainter voice. It seemed to come from the branch of the tree. "Your songs are all wrong," said the small and faint voice.

"Who are you?" asked everybody, looking up into the tree. The small and faint voice just gave a small and faint chuckle. Then Knarf and the cow and the robin and the mouse, by staring very hard at the tree, finally discovered that the small and faint voice was coming from a very small, and faintly coloured caterpillar.

"This is how the song should really go," said the caterpillar.

Smart Sailor



By VERA WINSTON

The nautical look is very much in evidence and this season is no exception. Here it is in the current handling, youthful, pert and smart. Adorning the white cotton blouse is a navy-striped sailor collar and a four-in-hand tie of navy silk. Three buttons covered in navy silk close the front. Worn with the blouse are pants of navy blue cotton gabardine with elasticated waistband, pockets in side seams and laced legs. A nice seafaring costume with which to sail through a summer vacation.

Household Hints

Library paste rubbed on thin material will make it easier to handle in sewing buttonholes.

Custard will bake evenly, and not become watery, if you place the baking dish in a pan of water.

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WOMANSENSE

DON'T OVERLOOK YOUR HOLIDAY MAKE-UP

THERE is a bit of holiday planning that usually gets overlooked until the very last minute, and that is the holiday make-up. Yet any woman who wants to look her best should give this as much care as choosing a holiday wardrobe.

In the home one has a lot of space for odds and ends, but on holiday make-up should be practical, portable and compact. The best idea is to have a separate "beauty bag," though not necessarily one of those expensive fitted cases. I myself prefer a large handbag or a minute suitcase.

Keeping the general department in mind—cleansing, moisturizing and toning—you will take: Cleansing cream (for dry skins) or cleansing milk (for oily skins); skin food, for nourishing (and it is also useful after one has been exposed to the sun and wind); and a freshener or astringent tonic, according to your skin.

Add to this a pair of eyebrow pluckers, and a tube of cream nail varnish remover. Choose a tube that won't leak or spill.

If you are going in search of the sun, don't forget a protective sun cream for your face. It's astonishing how often one remembers this when it is too late.

And one must, a box of face powder a shade or two darker, so that you can keep up with your sun-tan.

Check over your lipstick to see that the tone with your clothes and skin. Here are a few simple basic colour rules.

When you wear black or white, chic colours for this summer, lipstick and rouge should be clear red.

For all shades of blue, a red with definite blue tones. Green and brown clothes really only look well on girls who can take a lipstick with an orange touch.

And for soft pastel outfits, a rose pink lipstick.

If your skin tends to be oily, a cake make-up, used very sparingly, will be very useful on holiday. To get a fresh natural look with a cake you have to follow the instructions exactly. Put it on with a sponge that is wet, not just damp. Use quick, light strokes, to place a really thin film on your face and neck. Then, while it is still moist, blot it with a tissue.

Put on a light coating of face powder, and brush off any surplus.

Women with dry skins can use the same cake technique, but you must dab on a little colourless foundation before you start.

—Lady Boyle

A discordant duet on—

Man As Expert Cook

THIS is the time of the year when the man of the house decides he's a good cook and goes outdoors to prove it.

FLLOUR EVERYWHERE

"To the woman, a meal is part of the day's work—not a production number. Men like Mr. Melchior cook with a theatrical flourish that drives every pot and pan, deposits a fine film of flour over everything within dishing distance, and then leaves the mess for someone else to clean up!"

"Someone else should clean up," said Melchior. "The chef is an artist. It is above him to wash dishes. Those with no brains must use their hands."

The portly singer, who says his mother's housekeeper gave him his first cooking lessons, is best known for his wild game dishes.

"If I had depended on my wife to cook for me," he said, "there would have been no hero to name Melchior at the Metropolitan."

His advice to outdoor cooks, male:

"Be imaginative. Improvise. Don't listen to your wife."

Miss Phazza's advice to outdoor cooks, male and female:

"Just remember that dispensing food to friends is essentially a gesture of hospitality, not a personal accomplishment. That for Mr. Melchior!"

SECRET INGREDIENT

"He won't prepare a meal unless he has an audience, and when he does, the food budget doesn't matter," added the singer, whose southern fried chicken is almost as famous as his voice.

Lauritz Melchior, a long-time member of the American Society of Amateur Chefs, answered that "a man is a better cook because he is generous."

"A woman is a stingy cook; she uses a sauce bottle—unopened," said the Danish-born tenor.

To which Miss Phazza answered:

"Really good cooking, the kind that nourishes as well as fills, requires a secret ingredient."

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that an Interim
Dividend in respect of the
year 1954 of 70 cents per
share, free of tax, has been
declared payable on and
after 17th September 1954.

Applications for Dividend
Warrants should be made
either personally or by
letter to the Registered Office
of the Company, P. & O.
Building, 4th Floor.

The Register of Members of
the Company will be closed
from the 1st day of September
1954 to the 17th day of
September 1954, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1954.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that
an Interim Dividend of
22.0.0. per share (net,
after deduction of Hong
Kong Corporation Profits
Tax) has been declared in
respect of the year ending 31st
December, 1954 at the rate of
1/2.27/82d. per Dollar.

This Dividend will be pay-
able on or after Monday, 9th
August at the Offices of
the Corporation, where Share-
holders are requested to apply
for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF
SHARES of the Corporation
will be closed from Friday,
23rd July to Saturday, 7th
August, 1954 (both days
inclusive) during which
period no transfer of Shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1954.

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TO-NIGHT AT 7 P.M.

Otto John Joins The National Front

Berlin, Aug. 5.
Dr Otto John, former
head of the West German Pro-
tection of the Constitution De-
partment, has become a mem-
ber of the East German "Na-
tional Front", East Berlin
Radio reported tonight.

Dr Otto John this morning
visited Professor Erich Correns,
the President of the National
Front Council of Democratic
Germany, the East Berlin Radio
reported. Professor Correns in-
formed Dr John at the latter's
request of the aims and pro-
gramme of the National Front
regarding the peaceful restora-
tion of Germany on a democratic
basis.

Dr John said, the Radio
declared, that he wished to
devote himself wholeheartedly
to this patriotic task.

After the meeting, Dr John,
the former West German
intelligence chief, made his first
public appearance since he went
over to East Berlin. In com-
pany with Dr Correns and the
East German municipal archi-
tect, Professor Henschelmann, he
toured a building site in
Stalinallee. Later, they took
refreshments in a big East
Berlin cafe.—France-Press.

Excellent Beer Brewed From Spanish Grapes

Madrid, Aug. 5.

The juice of the grape makes very fine beer.
This is the latest news from Don Quixote's
country of La Mancha, in central Spain, famous
for its Valdepenas wine.

At Manzanares, chemists
seeking a way to use Spain's
surplus wine, amounting to as
much as 200,000,000 litres a
year. If there is a good crop of
grapes, have produced what is
described as "excellent beer"
from the juice of the luscious
grapes of this area.

The experiments have been
carried out under the high
supervision of Spain's Superior
Council for Scientific Investiga-
tion.

The newspaper "Ya" reported:
"The experiments made in
Manzanares show that the juice
of the grape produces a beer
identical with that made from
barley."

"One litre of grape-juice
makes 2 1/2 litres of excellent
beer."
"It is possible that a brewery
may be set up in Manzanares."
"Other products which the
chemists believe can be pro-
duced from the grape include

U.S. Air Force Orders Jet Tankers

Washington, Aug. 5.

The Air Force has ordered
America's first jet trans-
port plane into production
as a flying tanker for jet
bombers, Secretary Harold
E. Talbot announced to-
night.

The plane is Boeing Airplane
Co.'s 850-mile-an-hour sweep-
wing model 707 which cost the
firm \$15,000,000 to develop.
Mr Talbot said the Air Force
had ordered "a limited number"
of the four-engine planes for
use in refuelling long-range
bombers, presumably including
the giant new B-52 heavy
bomber.

The plane, dubbed the
Strato-tanker, will be produced
at the Renton plant near
Seattle, Washington. The 707
was designed to outperform the
British Comet, first commercial
jet transport in history, in all
departments.

REDUCE COSTS

Purchase of the plane by the
Air Force is expected eventually
to bring down production costs
and thus hasten the day when
commercial airlines might buy
passenger version known
as the Stratoliner.

Since its maiden flight last
July 15, the Strato-tanker has
flown at altitudes of more than
42,000 feet and at speeds exceed-
ing 550 miles an hour—80 per
cent of the speed of sound.
The Strato-tanker is 128 feet
long and is designed to carry 80
to 120 people in commercial
passenger service.

Its four jet engines, built by
Pratt and Whitney, are the
same as those powering the
B-52. They deliver 10,000
pounds of thrust each, the
equivalent of 10,000 horsepower
at a speed of 375 miles per
hour.—United Press.

Incidents In Indo-China

Saigon, Aug. 5.

Attacks on small posts in
Vietnam, and the blowing up of
a truck by a hand-operated
mine were reported from South
Vietnam today.

The attacks on outposts took
place in the Bentre district, 40
miles south-east of Saigon. The
several casualties reported from
the rest of the Indo-China ter-
ritory, however, indicated a
general calm.

Six operational aircraft ser-
vices were flown, and transport
aircraft spent 274 hours in
flight. Units in North Vietnam
are being regrouped within set
areas.

Reports from Kienoi, south of
Hue, said there was an attack
on the garrison by a crowd of
demonstrators numbering about
50 on July 28. Shots were ex-
changed, and the demonstrators
of leaving about 10 dead. They
assembled again the next
morning but were dispersed
when aircraft were summoned
to the garrison's aid.—France-
Presse.

Mossadegh Hears The News

Tehran, Aug. 5.

Dr Mohammed Mossadegh,
deposed Prime Minister,
who criticised the Anglo-
Iranian Oil Company in 1951,
heard today of the agreement
reached by the Persian Govern-
ment and a consortium of oil
companies as he sat in prison.
Guards lent him a radio to
hear the news.

He is serving a three-year
sentence in solitary confinement
for treason.
Mullah Keshani, one of the
clerical leaders of the anti-
company movement, said Mossadegh
was "in a very bad state of
mind" and "unfit to receive
any news."

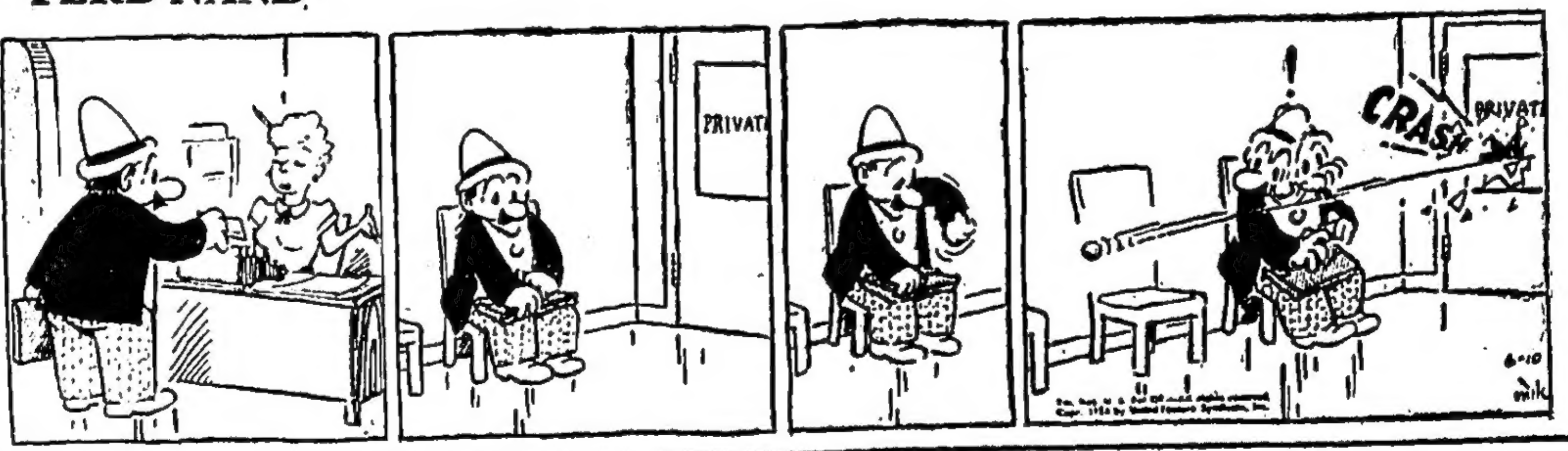
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